IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for ~~the preparation of isocyanates~~ preparing an isocyanate, said process comprising ~~by~~

reacting a primary amine ~~amines~~ with phosgene in a reactor, wherein ~~the~~ a reaction discharge from said reactor is ~~present~~ in the form of a suspension ~~which contains the~~ comprising said isocyanate ~~to be prepared~~, as a liquid, and a carbamyl chloride, ~~chlorides~~ as a solid, and

working up said ~~the~~ suspension ~~is worked up~~ in a film evaporator.

Claim 2 (Original): A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the film evaporator is an apparatus which has no moving parts.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A process as claimed in claim 1, ~~claim 1 or 2,~~ wherein the film evaporator is a falling-film evaporator.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A process as claimed in claim 1, ~~any of claims 1 to 3,~~ wherein a distillation column is connected downstream of the film evaporator.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A process as claimed in claim 1, ~~any of claims 1 to 4,~~ wherein the suspension is worked up in two or more film evaporators which are arranged in series and operate at different pressure levels.

Claim 6 (Original): A process as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first film evaporator operates at from 0.5 to 25 bar and the second film evaporator has a pressure which is from

0.01 to 1 bar lower than the pressure of the first film evaporator.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A process as claimed in claim 1, ~~any of claims 1 to 6,~~ wherein the carbamyl chloride is present in the suspension in an amount of from 0.01 to 35% by weight, based on the weight of the isocyanate to be prepared.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A process as claimed in claim 1, ~~any of claims 1 to 7,~~ wherein ~~the~~ said suspension ~~contains~~ further comprises amine hydrochloride and urea. ~~hydrochlorides and ureas as additional solid components~~.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A production plant ~~for the production of isocyanates by reacting primary amines with phosgene,~~ comprising

a reactor ~~in which the reaction of~~ wherein a primary ~~amines~~ amine is reacted with phosgene ~~takes place~~ and ~~Fig.~~

at least one film evaporator ~~to which the~~ wherein a reaction discharge of ~~the~~ said reactor, which is present in the form of a suspension ~~which contains the~~ comprising said isocyanate ~~to be prepared~~, as a liquid, and a carbamyl chloride, ~~chlorides~~ as a solid, is fed.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~The use of film evaporators~~ A method for working up a reaction discharge ~~discharges~~ from a phosgenation reactor, said method comprising: ~~reactors,~~

working up said reaction discharge from said phosgenation reactor in a film evaporator, wherein said reaction ~~discharges being present~~ discharge is in the form of a suspension ~~which contains the~~ comprising said isocyanate ~~to be prepared~~, as a liquid, and a carbamyl ~~chlorides~~ chloride, as a solid.